



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

40th Anniversary of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve 1972 - 2012

WHEREAS, the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Navy Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve and the Coast Guard Reserve constitute a vital and ever more important part of our nation's defense; and

WHEREAS, members of the National Guard and Reserve are "Citizen Warriors" who lead dual lives as workers, managers, professionals and students throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, members of our nation's armed forces train and maintain their military skills so they can answer the call to serve in military security operations and provide humanitarian aid at home and abroad; and

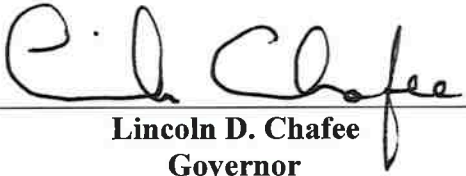
WHEREAS, President Richard Nixon, on June 22, 1972, authorized the Secretary of Defense to create the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and the Department of Defense established the Rhode Island Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and

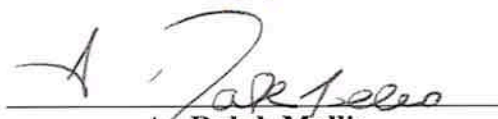
WHEREAS, for 40 years, ESGR has promoted and facilitated a strong culture of mutually beneficial relationships between employers and their military employees, thereby enabling members of the Guard and Reserve to respond quickly to state disaster emergencies and national military necessities knowing they have a secure civilian career after their service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2012 the 40th Anniversary of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this anniversary.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
this 29th day of June, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State